



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 269**

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**Chairperson:** Ray Aguilar  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** February 21, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB 269 is to harmonize the minimum signature requirements for certain petitions relating to county organization and county libraries. LB 269 accomplishes this by setting a common standard that such petitions be signed by registered voters equal in number to five percent of the voters registered in the county at the preceding statewide general election.

LB 269 establishes this common standard for the following petitions;

- In counties under commissioner organization, all petitions regarding the number of commissioners (current standard; not less than 200 registered voters of the county voting at the last general election § 23-149)
- In counties under commissioner organization, all petitions to establish a supervisor form of government (current standard; 250 or more legal voters of the county § 23-202)
- In counties under township organization, all petitions to discontinue the township form of government (current standard; a number of electors not less than ten percent of those voting at the last general election § 23-293)
- For areas of a county that do not have a public library, all petitions requesting the establishment of a county library (current standard; ten percent of the voters registered in the county at the last statewide general election § 51-201.03)

The rationale behind the common signature requirement is to bring uniformity and clarity to the petition process. Furthermore, by requiring a number of signatures equal in number to a percentage of those registered to vote during a statewide general election, LB 269 sets a signature standard that will be more reflective of each county's population.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Carroll Burling**